

2020 - 2029 ASP Strategic Plan actions



The Australian Society for Parasitology Inc. (ASP) wheel summarises:

Why the ASP exists – to **Promote Parasitology**.

How the ASP **Promotes Parasitology** – through **Education, Communication and Support** and recognition and,

What the ASP does is captured by all of the blue segments, Mentoring, Advocacy, Curriculum, Newsletter, Journals, Website, Social media, Awards, Conferences, Courses, Collections and curations, and Outreach.

How does the 2020 ASP Strategic Plan table of actions work?

Each action is associated with one or more “what we do” areas, and in turn each of these areas relate to Education, Communication and Support and Recognition to Promote Parasitology.

Underpinning this strategic plan are ASP members who give their support, expertise, enthusiasm and share their love of parasitology to enable the wheel to keep turning and the ASP to continue to *Promote Parasitology*. For this Society to function the ASP Constitution needs to be an appropriate set of rules that will guide the ASP into the next decade. Hence a major action out of the 2018 Strategic Planning was a review of the ASP Constitution. The ASP Constitution was rewritten in 2018/2019 to respond to that need. Each 2020 ASP Strategic Plan action should be enacted with the guidance of the 2019 ASP Constitution and By-Laws. The time-frames have been set as continuous (throughout the period of this Strategic Plan 2020 – 2029), short term (within 2 years), medium term (2-5 years) and long term (5-10 years).

What we do	Action	Time-frame	Comments
Mentoring	Maintain Network Mentorship Scheme.	continuous	
	Support training and professional development workshops in conjunction with conference for ASP members. (Also Courses & Outreach)	medium term	
	Offer mentorship opportunities at the ASP conference supporting ECRs, match-up mentors with ECRs, and offering grant writing workshops. (Also Courses)	medium term	
	Maintain and formalise support for Advanced Parasitology Course – including recognition in revised Constitution and/or By-Laws. (Also Courses)	short term	
	Support the ASP Research Exchange, Training and Travel Scheme – including recognition in revised Constitution and/or By-Laws. (Also Courses)	continuous	
Advocacy	Recognise appropriately the diversity of our Society’s members and their contributions – including recognition in revised Constitution and/or By-Laws.	continuous	
	Maintain ASP membership database to enable individual members to be identified for representation of the ASP in their areas of expertise.	medium term	
	Active membership of Science and Technology Australia – includes ASP representative attending STA events.	continuous	
	Promote outreach opportunities and media training for ASP members.	continuous	
Curriculum	Formalise an ASP Education Committee with clear terms of reference and of suitable diversity, gender-balance – including recognition in revised Constitution and/or By-Laws.	short term	

	Support for development of resources and publications, addressing all levels of education. (Also Outreach & Courses)		
	Support ASP Undergraduate prize. (Also Awards)	continuous	
Newsletters	Publish a high quality Newsletter, at least three times per year as a primary means to highlight the Society's achievements and the opportunities provided by the Society, as well as to share news about its members.	continuous	
Journals	Maintain support for and ensure the financial success of three journals – The International Journal for Parasitology; IJP:Drugs and Drug Resistance; and IJP:Parasites and Wildlife – by securing the appointment of high quality, suitably diverse and gender-balanced editorial teams and the publication of research papers of high quality – including recognition in revised Constitution and/or By-Laws.	long-term	
Website	Continued maintenance of an attractive, informative and practical (“user-friendly”) website as the front-line communication tool and promotional face of the Society.	continuous	
	Host other relevant websites approved by the ASP Council in line with ASP Mission to promote parasitology.	long-term	
Social media	Use Social Media platforms, including Facebook and Twitter, as secondary means to highlight the Society's achievements and the opportunities provided by the Society, as well as to share news about its members.	continuous	
Awards	Continue support for awards and prizes that recognise the achievements of the Society's members, at all stages of career, as a means to promote and inspire parasitology and parasitologists.	continuous	
	Ensure appointment of high quality, suitably diverse, gender-balanced selection committees for all awards and prizes – including recognition in revised Constitution and/or By-Laws.	long-term	
	Set up the ASP Development Award which aims to solve disadvantage by building capacity and offering people support through education, outreach, research capacity, internationalisation and regional development.	long-term	
Conferences	Organise a high quality annual, national conference to highlight and maximise the promotion of the research of the Society's members.	continuous	
	Appoint suitably diverse, gender-balanced conference scientific and organising committees	continuous	

	to facilitate development of a diverse, high quality program for members.		
	Provide facilities that allow family groups to attend and participate in the annual conference.	continuous	
	Provide prayer-room facilities for conference delegates.	continuous	
	Provide financial support for students to attend and present their work at our national conference.	continuous	
	Seek external sponsorship and set appropriate registration fees agreed by ASP Council and the Conference Organising Committee to ensure a healthy conference budget that will allow the ASP to invite excellent international speakers to speak at the conference.	continuous	
	Consider critically, on a case-by-case basis, joint initiatives to host or co-host international conferences that promote the Society and the interests of its members.	long-term	
	Develop a strategy to support local (i.e. state-level) symposia or “mini” conferences (a la “Summer Series”).	medium-term	
Courses	Continue to offer and further develop an Advanced Parasitology Course, improving access to international students and ensuring the recruitment of the highest quality, gender-balanced faculty – including recognition in revised Constitution and/or By-Laws.	continuous	
	Internationalise Concepts in Parasitology (CiP) through ASP Development Award by inviting researchers from disadvantaged areas to attend, targeting indigenous researchers and researchers from Asia-Pacific region.	long-term	
	Investigate running CiP in international locations based on local need and use local lecturers.	long-term	
Collections & curations	Critically evaluate requests for support of collections and curations on a case-by-case basis.	continuous	
	Develop a strategy for storing parasite images electronically so they are available for use with permission.	medium-term	
Outreach	Support for nation-wide outreach activities and initiatives, including through National Science Week and Inspiring Australia programs and grants, where appropriate.	continuous	
	Provide funding to facilitate outreach activities by our members at a local (State) level.	continuous	